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SUBJECT: HUMPHREY-SCOTT CODEL MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, JULY 2

PASS SENATORS HUMPHREY AND SCOTT ON THEIR RETURN

1. SUMMARY: HUMPHREY-SCOTT CODEL MET WITH BREZHNEV AT KREMLIN JULY 2 FOR TWO HOURS. BREZHNEV, WHO APPEARED IN GOOD FORM, SPOKE VIGOROUSLY ALONG FAMILIAR LINES REGARDING HIS DESIRES FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH U.S., DETENTE, CSCE SUMMIT, AND SALT TWO AGREEMENT. ON HIS PROPOSAL FOR AGREEMENT AGAINST SUPERWEAPONS, BREZHNEV SAID HE HAD NO SPECIFIC WEAPONS IN MIND, BUT THAT SCIENTISTS PRESUMABLY CAN INVENT MORE AND MORE TERRIBLE WEAPONS, AND EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PREVENT THIS. ON TRADE BREZHNEV FAVORED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BUT REGRETTED DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT IN U.S. POLICY RE USSR. HE REITERATED SOVIET POSITION ON CONFIDENTIAL

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EMIGRATION AND SAID IT WAS DOUBTFUL NUMBER OF JEWS EMIGRATING WOULD RISE IN FUTURE. IN MENTIONING FUTURE MEETINGS, BREZHNEV NOTED FORTHCOMING KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY KISSINGER DISCUSSION WITH BREZHNEV; HE ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING PRESIDENT IN HELSINKI AND IN WASHINGTON. HUMPHREY RESPONDED

WITH STATEMENT AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS FOR POLICY OF PEACE AND DETENTE. JAVITS EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUING CONCERN ON EMIGRATION BUT SAID ON RETURN TO U.S. HE WOULD TRY TO FIND WAYS TO CORRECT PRESENT SITUATION CONCERNING TRADE BILL IN MANNER CONSONANT WITH INTERESTS OF SOVIET UNION AND U.S. SO AS TO REMOVE ONE OBSTACLE IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. SCOTT HANDED BREZHNEV TEXTS OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS OF JUNE 27 TO VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CONCERNING PROPOSED REVISION IN LEGISLATION ON TRADE AND CREDITS. DURING DISCUSSION, BREZHNEV REFERRED INDIRECTLY TO POSSIBILITY OF RETIREMENT. HE ALSO CRITICIZED DENIAL OF VISAS TO SOVIET DELEGATES TO CPUSA CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. BREZHNEV RECEIVED U.S. SENATORS AND AMBASSADOR IN HIS KREMLIN OFFICE AT 12 NOON JULY 2. PRESENT ON SOVIET SIDE WERE PONOMAREV, RUBEN, ARBATOV, ZAMYATIN, BLATOV AND SUKHODREV.

3. AFTER AMENITIES AND REPARTEE, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAID HE AND GROUP VERY PLEASED WITH TALKS WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AND INVITED BREZHNEV TO COMMENT ON HIS VIEWS CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. BREZHNEV SAID HIS MOST RECENT STATEMENT CONCERNING GENERAL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS HAD BEEN CONTAINED IN HIS SPEECH MADE ON EVE OF ELECTIONS IN JUNE. (HE NOTED THERE HAD BEEN "CERTAIN INTERVAL" IN HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES PRIOR TO THAT SPEECH AND MUCH SPECULATION CONCERNING THIS.) BREZHNEV RECALLED THAT IN HIS ELECTION SPEECH HE HAD EXPRESSED SOVIET DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AMERICA. THIS IS COURSE WHICH SOVIET UNION HAS FOLLOWED WITHOUT DEVIATION AND DESPITE PROVOCATIONS. HE COULD REPEAT TODAY THAT SOVIETS WANT GOOD RELATIONS WITH U.S. DESPITE IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. HE RECALLED WITH EMOTION HIS FIRST TALK WITH FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON IN MOSCOW IN 1972, WHEN BOTH HAD AGREED TO TALK DIRECTLY ABOUT REAL PROBLEMS WITHOUT REGARD TO DIFFERENCES IN TWO SYSTEMS.

4. BREZHNEV CONTINUED THAT THERE IS MUCH TALK IN WORLD TODAY ABOUT DETENTE, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE. MOST OF THE COUNTRIES
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INVOLVED IN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE HAVE ADVISED THE SOVIET UNION OF THEIR AGREEMENT TO HOLD A FINAL MEETING TO FINISH THE CONFERENCE BY THE END OF JULY. HOWEVER, AFTER THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED TOWARD DETENTE IN THE MILITARY AREA.

5. BREZHNEF SAID THAT HE AND PRESIDENT FORD HAD MADE A GOOD BEGINNING AT VLADIVOSTOK IN SETTING FORTH A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR AN AGREEMENT LIMITING THE QUANTITIES OF STRATEGIC ARMS ON BOTH SIDES. HE WOULD NOT CONCEAL THAT BEFORE THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF THE DESIRABILITY OF NOT RPT NOT DEVELOPING NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS; FOR EXAMPLE, THE U.S. WOULD NOT CONSTRUCT THE TRIDENT AND THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT CONSTRUCT THE TYPHOON; THE U.S. WOULD NOT CONSTRUCT THE B-1 AND THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT DEVELOP THE IL-22. HOWEVER, THESE IDEAS UNFORTUNATELY

HAD NOT BEEN ELABORATED FURTHER.

6. BREZHNEV SAID THAT THERE WOULD SOON BE A MEETING BETWEEN GROMYKO AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF THE SECRETARY WITH HIM. THE CULMINATION OF THESE MEETINGS WOULD COME WHEN BREZHNEV MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD. HE FELT THAT, WITH ALL THESE DISCUSSIONS, IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO GO INTO ALL DETAILS CONCERNING STRATEGIC ARMS MATTERS.

7. BREZHNEV SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE QUESTIONS IN PEOPLE'S MINDS TO WHAT HE HAD MEANT WHEN HE SPOKE IN HIS RECENT SPEECH ABOUT THE NEED TO PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS WHICH WOULD BE MORE TERRIBLE THAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SOME PEOPLE THINK HE WAS REFERRING TO SOME KIND OF WEAPONS THE SOVIETS ALREADY HAD IN THEIR POCKETS, BUT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. FIRST OF ALL, HE COULD SAY THAT HE HAD IN MIND WEAPONS OF THE TYPE HE HAD JUST MENTIONED, SUCH AS THE B-1 BOMBER. ALSO, SCIENTISTS TODAY CAN INVENT ALMOST ANY KIND OF WEAPON MORE TERRIBLE THAN WHAT WE HAVE KNOWN IN THE PAST. BREZHNEV URGED THAT ALL EFFORTS BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS. THIRTY YEARS AGO NO ONE HAD THE ATOMIC BOMB, BUT IT WAS DEVELOPED; THEN CAME MISSILES WITH MIRVS. NO ONE KNOWS THAT SCIENTISTS WILL COME UP WITH NEXT.

8. BREZHNEV REFERRED TO THE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT AGAINST BACTERIOLOGICAL WAREFARE AND THE STEPS TOWARD BARRING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY HAD BEEN SIGNED, ALTHOUGH HERE BREZHNEV MENTIONED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED A CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLETE TEST BAN OR, IF NOT THAT, A LOWER THRESHOLD THAN THE OTHER SIDE WOULD AGREE TO. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE U.S. RECENTLY HAD CARRIED OUT AN UNDERGROUND TEST OF LARGE SIZE. HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS THE WAY TO GO ABOUT SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS.

9. OF COURSE, BREZHNEV SAID, EVERY STATE MUST HAVE THE MEANS TO DEFEND ITSELF. BUT SOMETIMES HE FEELS PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO PROVOKE THE SOVIET UNION BY SAYING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STRONGER AND THAT THE U.S. MUST CLOSE THE GAP. TALKS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS HAD BEGUN IN 1972 WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF EQUALITY ON BOTH SIDES. TODAY NATIONAL MEANS MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ENSURE DETECTION. THERE CAN BE SOME DISCREPANCIES BUT THEY ARE SO SMALL AS TO BE INSIGNIFICANT. BREZHNEV REFERRED TO U.S. NUCLEAR BASES SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD ENCIRCLING THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS NO EQUALITY HERE, SINCE THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT HAVE SUCH BASES. HOWEVER, WHEN THE SOVIETS WANT TO TALKS ABOUT FBS, THE U.S. SAYS THAT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN SALT. LIKEWISE, SCHLESINGER ANNOUNCES THE DISPATCH OF TWO NEW DIVISIONS TO THE FRG, WHERE THE U.S. HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BUT THE U.S. REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT THIS IN RELATION TO SALT. THE SOVIET PEOPLE WANT ONLY PEACE AND THEY WOULD NOT FORGIVE THEIR LEADERSHIP IF THE LEADERSHIP DID NOT STRENGTHEN PEACE. MAYBE SOMEONE IN THE U.S. WANTS TO FIGHT

THE SOVIET UNION; IF SO, A RESPONSE WOULD NOT BE LACKING.
HOWEVER, THE USSR WANTS ONLY GOOD RELATIONS AND PEACE WITH THE
U.S.

10. BREZHNEV ALSO MENTIONED THAT ENORMOUS MILITARY BUDGETS ARE
WHIPPED UP IN THE U.S. AND THE SENATE APPROVES THEM. THE
SOVIETS, HE SAID ARE FOR A REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, BUT
THE OTHER SIDE PUTS FORWARD SO MANY EXTRANEIOUS PROPOSALS ABOUT
THIS THAT THE BASIC PURPOSE IS LOST. IF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY
CONFERENCE IS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, THEN ALL DISARMAMENT
QUESTIONS CAN BE SOLVED MORE EASILY. ALL PEOPLES IN THE WORLD
WILL BE GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO SIGN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY DOCUMENTS.

11. ON THE QUESTION OF TRADE, BREZHNEV SAID HIS CONTACT WITH
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS CONVINCES HIM THAT
U.S. BUSINESS CIRCLES ARE INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. ON THE BASIS OF FAIR PAYMENT OR COMPENSATION. HE WOULD
MAKE NO SECRET OF HIS DESIRE TO SEE A DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, BUT
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UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS STILL AN ELEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION IN
U.S. POLICY.

12. ON SO-CALLED HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, BREZHNEV RECALLED HIS TALK
WITH SENATORS AT BLAIR HOUSE IN WASHINGTON IN 1973 AND THE
FIGURES HE HAD GIVEN THEN ON JEWISH EMIGRATION. HE HAD LOOKED
INTO THESE FIGURES RECENTLY AND HAD FOUND THAT THE NUMBER OF
APPLICATIONS HAS FALLEN TWOFOLD. JUST OVER 1400 APPLICATIONS
NOW ARE PENDING. OF COURSE, THIS IS A PURELY INTERNAL MATTER FOR
THE SOVIET UNION AND THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE U.S.
ABOUT IT. HOWEVER, FROM TIME TO TIME AND OUT OF A DESIRE TO
IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN FIGURES.
MANY THINGS ARE SAID ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE U.S. AND MATTERS
ARE CARRIED TO RIDICULOUS LENGTHS. BREZHNEV DOUBTED THAT THE
NUMBER OF JEWS LEAVING THE SOVIET UNION WOULD GROW IN THE FUTURE.

13. AFTER EMPHASIZING AGAIN THE SOVIET HOPE FOR GOOD RELATIONS
ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, BREZHNEV TALKED ABOUT
APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT AND SAID ITS SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT
WILL REPRESENT GREAT SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT ON JOINT BASIS,
WHICH WILL BE A LIVING EXPRESSION OF THE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN OUR
TWO PEOPLES.

14. BREZHNEV SAID HE HAD TRIED TO TELL SENATORS THE HEARTFELT
DESIRES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT. HE FELT
WE NEED TO LOOK AHEAD AT WHAT WILL HAPPEN 20 YEARS FROM NOW, 30
YEARS FROM NOW, AND BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WE WILL LEAVE AS A
LEGACY FOR YOUNGER GENERATIONS. NO ONE IS ETERNAL, BREZHNEV SAID,
AND LIFE BEING WHAT IT IS, THERE COMES A TIME WHEN A PERSON MUST
LEAVE, EITHER FOR RETIREMENT OR BECAUSE OF ILLNESS (NOTE: LATTER
WORD WAS NOT TRANSLATED). BUT WHEN ONE IS AT THE HELM, ONE MUST DO
WHAT HE CAN FOR THE FUTURE.

15. BREZHNEV SAID THAT THE FACT THAT NO GUN HAS BEEN FIRED FOR 30 YEARS IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. WE ALL KNOW ABOUT WAR; HE SAW MUCH IN THE WAR, TOO MUCH. BREZHNEV SAID HE LOVED HIS COUNTRY, HIS PEOPLE, AND HE RESPECTED ALL PEOPLES -- THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ALL OTHERS. HE WANTED TO DO ALL HE COULD AS A HUMAN BEING TO ELIMINAE THE DANGER OF WAR. THIS IS THE MOST CHERISHED GOAL OF HIS LIFE. HE WENT ON TO SPEAK AGAIN OF HIS FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND THE SECRETARY, AND ALSO MENTIONED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WOULD BE MEETING BRANDT AT THE AIRPORT IN THE AFTERNOON. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY IF PRESIDENT FORD WOULD REACT FAVORABLY TO THE IMPORTANT ISSUES HE HAD RAISED.

16. RESPONDING, SENATOR HUMPHREY SAID ALL THE SENATORS WERE MUCH IMPRESSED WITH BREZHNEV'S SINCERE DESIRE FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND HIS DEDICATION TO PEACE. HE FELT BREZHNEV WAS A SINCERE MAN. (HERE BREZHNEV BROKE INTO THE TRANSLATION TO SAY THAT HE HAD NEVER DECEIVED HIS PEOPLE OR HIS PARTY SINCE HIS YOUNGEST YEARS. HE WAS NOW AT AN AGE WHEN IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO START DECEIVING ANYONE. TO DO SO WOULD AMOUNT TO CHEATING HIS OWN PEOPLE, WHO HAD VESTED THEIR TRUST IN HIM).

17. HUMPHREY RECALLED THE FIRST BREZHNEV-NIXON MEETING AS ONE OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. THERE MAY BE SOME IN THE U.S. WHO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT DETENTE, BUT HUMPHREY COULD SAY IN THE NAME OF ALL SENATORS PRESENT THAT IT WAS THE SINCERE RESOLVE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT A POLICY OF DETENTE, OF DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OF LIMITING ARMS. THERE HAD BEEN A LONG PERIOD OF DOUBT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR AND IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO REMOVE THESE FEELINGS, BUT HUMPHREY WAS CONVINCED THAT THERE MUST BE A SERIOUS IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS AND THAT THERE IS A DEEP DESIRE IN THE U.S. FOR THIS. THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY ALL THE SENATORS PRESENT, AND IT WAS A GOOD STATEMENT SETTING FORTH FULL EQUALITY. SALT ONE HAD ALSO BEEN A GOOD STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SENATOR SCOTT HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ENCOURAGING U.S. SUPPORT FOR CSCE, AND WE HOPE THE FINAL PHASE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAREST FUTURE. HUMPHREY STRESSED HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN SALT TWO AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM. HE WAS SURE ALL SENATORS FELT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

18. HUMPHREY SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS FOLLOWING THE SAME POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION AS THAT OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON AND THAT HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE SENATE IN THIS. THE SAME IS TRUE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS EFFORTS FOR DETENTE. THERE IS NO DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE U.S. PEOPLE FOR WAR WITH THE SOVIET PEOPLE. THE ONLY AMERICAN DESIRE IS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE. NO CANDIDATE FOR ANY HIGH OFFICE IN THE U.S. COULD WIN ON A POLICY OF ADVOCATING WAR OR ENMITY WITH THE SOVIET UNION. AMERICANS

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LOVE PEACE AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE SOVIET PEOPLE TO BUILD PEACE.

19. SENATOR JAVITS SPOKE NEXT, RECALLING THE DISCUSSION WITH BREZHNEV AT BLAIR HOUSE IN 1973. HE WAS GRATEFUL TO BREZHNEV FOR THE SENSITIVITY WITH WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED EMIGRATION MATTERS AT THAT TIME AND HE WOULD TRY TO BE AS DELICATE IN EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS ON THIS SAME SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH HIS FEELINGS GO DEEP. JAVITS SAID HE HAD NO DESIRE TO EXACERBATE RELATIONS OVER THE EMIGRATION QUESTION. HE RECALLED THAT HE AND OTHERS HAD SUBMITTED LISTS TO MR. RUBEN OF PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN TREATED UNJUSTLY. BREZHNEV INTERJECTED TO SAY THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OF SUCH CASES BUT THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THEM. BREZHNEV ADDED THAT HE HAD SAID REPEATEDLY THAT PERSONS ARE DENIED VISAS FOR EMIGRATION ONLY IF THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN A JOB INVOLVING STATE SECRETS. THIS IS A RULE FOLLOWED BY MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL.

20. JAVITS SAID HE HAD HEARD A GREAT DEAL FROM THE SOVIET SIDE DURING THE CURRENT VISIT AND, ON HIS PART, HE HAD EXPLAINED THE REASONS WHY HE AND SENATOR RIBICOFF HAD SUPPORTED THE JACKSON AMENDMENT. WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE U.S. HE WOULD SPEAK TO A NUMBER OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO CORRECT THE SITUATION IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD RESPECT THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND AT THE SAME TIME RESPECT OUR OWN CONCERNS. JAVITS BELIEVED PERSONALLY SUCH A WAY COULD BE FOUND. HE ADDED THAT, LIKE BREZHNEV, HE ALSO FELT A SENSE OF TRUSTEESHIP AND THAT HE WOULD TRY TO REMOVE AT LEAST ONE OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH STANDS IN THE WAY OF A FULL FLOWERING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

21. BREZHNEV SAID HE WARMLY WELCOMED ALL JAVITS HAD SAID, ESPECIALLY THE LAST PART. BUT SPEAKING IN A FRIENDLY WAY, HOWEVER, HE WONDERED IF JAVITS WOULD NOT AGREE THAT HE HAD SPOKEN OF AN ISSUE WHICH WAS A DOMESTIC CONCERN OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT THIS REPRESENTED INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. JAVITS DID NOT RESPOND.

22. BREZHNEV ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USA HAD INVITED SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TO COME TO THE U.S. FOR ITS CONGRESS BUT THEY HAD BEEN REFUSED VISAS. HE WAS OBJECTING AFTER THE
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FACT AND DID NOT WANT TO OFFEND ANYONE, BUT HE WONDERED WHAT THE SENATORS THOUGHT OF SUCH AN ACTION. HUMPHREY SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS STUPID. BREZHNEV AT THIS POINT RETOLD WITH GREAT VIGOR AND MANY GESTURES THE STORY OF HIS LANDING IN GANDER ON THIS RETURN FROM THE U.S. AND HIS DISCUSSION WITH PICKETS THERE WHO WERE

CALLING FOR FREEDOM IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE REPEATED THAT VISAS ARE NOT DENIED FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WISH TO LIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

23. SENATOR SCOTT THEN READ THE TEXT OF A LETTER OF JUNE 27 FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO VARIOUS OFFICIALS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING HIS INTENTION TO SUBMIT NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING TRADE AND CREDITS. SCOTT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE CONGRESS WOULD DO WITH THIS BUT THAT HE, SENATORS HUMPHREY, JAVITS AND OTHERS HOPED THAT SOMETHING COULD BE DONE OF A POSITIVE NATURE SINCE THEY FELT THAT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RESTRICTIONS ARE UNWARRANTED. SCOTT SAID THEY WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO SEE THAT SOMETHING IS DONE TO GET NEW LEGISLATION.

24. BREZHNEV CONCLUDED THE MEETING BY WISHING ALL OF THE SENATORS A PLEASANT TRIP HOME AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THINGS SAID TODAY WOULD FALL ON FERTILE SOIL AND WOULD YIELD A BUMPER CROP FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE U.S. AND FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. THE MEETING ENDED AT 2:10 PM.

25. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, SENATOR PERCY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A MIDDLE EASTERN SETTLEMENT IN TALKING WITH BREZHNEV. HE SAID HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THAT AREA, WHICH WAS A TINDERBOX, AND HE BELIEVED WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER AND NOT IN OPPOSITION. BREZHNEV RECALLED HE HAD WARNED NIXON ABOUT THE DANGER OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD A BETTER SITUATION IF HIS WORDS HAD BEEN HEEDDED. PERCY SAID THAT NEITHER THE U.S. NOR THE USSR WOULD WANT TO GO TO GENEVA UNLESS THEY COULD BE SURE OF SUCCESS.

26. BREZHNEV SAID ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, MUST GEAR THEMSELVES PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO SEE THAT WAR IS NOT A SOLUTION. PERCY THOUGHT THAT BOTH SIDES MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS AND THAT WE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST LETTING ANY THIRD PARTY BEYOND OUR CONTROL LEADING US INTO OPPOSITION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE ARABS
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COULD GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL. BREZHNEV SAID THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

27. BREZHNEV SPOKE VIGOROUSLY AND SEEMED MENTALLY ALERT. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE GOT UP FROM THE TABLE AND PUT ON A PANTOMINE SHOW FOR THE SENATORS. HIS SPEECH WAS SOMEWHAT SLURRED, BUT NOT MARKEDLY MORE THAN USUAL. HIS EYES WERE CLEAR, ALTHOUGH HIS COLOR WAS NOT TOO GOOD.
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